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1970W

"Fall 1906"

ITALIANS SEIZE MARSEILLES

ENGLAND (Kimmel): F Edi-North Sea;
F Kie-Den; F Ska-Swe; A Norway S
F Ska-Swe.

FRANCE (Vest): F Lon-Wal; F Mid-
Wes; F Wes-Lyo; F North Africa S
F Mid-Wes; A Hol-Bel; A Bur-Mun;
A Mar-Bur; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (McCallum): A Yor-Liv; F
North Sea S RUSSIAN A St.P-Nor-
way; F Hol-Den.

ITALY (Ward): A Smy-Ank; F Con S A
Smy-Ank; F Bul(s.c.) S F Con; F
Tun holds; F Ion S F Tun; F Tyr-
Lyo; A Vie-Bud; A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-
Tyr; A Pie-Mar; A Gre-Ser.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): A Sil-Ber; A Liv-
Pru; A St.P-Norway; F Swe S A
St.P-Norway; A Rum & A Sev hold.

TURKEY (Grayson): F Bla-Con; A Ank
S F Bla-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Kie, Nor. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bro, Hol, Lon, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (8)

GERMANY: Den, Liv. (2)

ITALY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (13)

RUSSIA: Ber, Mos, Rum, St. P, Sev, Swe, War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank. (1)

Italy may build two new units, and Russia may build one. England, Germany, and Turkey must each receive one unit. The deadline for the "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, DAY 2 JANUARY 1971.

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His move only, Charles

100 Normal St., Wood-

He'll be back in
line date.

1970E

"Winter 1907-Spring 1908"

ENGLISH WIN NORTHERN NAVAL BATTLE

Following "Fall 1907" moves
Italy removed A Ser and Russia built A Sev.

ENGLAND (Gletty): F Por S GERMAN F
Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Edi-Liv; F Bot-
St.P(s.c.); F Norwegian Sea-Bar;
F Norway S F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

GERMANY (Tang): F Mid & F Kie hold;
A Bre-Gas; A Sil-Mun; A Bur S A
Sil-Mun; A Ber S A Sil-Mun; A Mos-
War.

ITALY (Becker): F Liv-Wal; F Aeg-
Ion; F Gas-Mid; F Spa(s.c.) & F
Wes S F Gas-Mid; A Mar-Gas; F Lyo
S F Spa(s.c.); A Pie-Mar; A Boh-
Sil; A Gal S A Boh-Sil; A Tyr S A
Mun; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Pru-Ber.

RUSSIA (Burley): A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S
A Sev-Mos; F Bla holds; A Pru-Ber;
A War S ITALIAN A Gal-Sil; F St.P
(n.c.)-Norway; F Bar S F St.P(n.c.)
-Norway; A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Sil and the Russian F St.P(n.c.) are annihilated, Germany retreats A Mos-Liv. The German F Mid is dislodged and may retreat to North Africa, the English Channel, the Irish Sea, or the North Atlantic. The direction of this retreat should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL, and he will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 2 JANUARY 1971.

1970M

"Winter 1906"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): No removal received. Gamesmaster removes A Gal.

RUSSIA (Leinhos): Builds A War, A St.P.

TURKEY (Cairns): No builds received.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 2 JANUARY (continued on p. 3)

1970BB

"Fall-Winter 1901"

TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE BATTERS ENGLAND

ENGLAND (Lasky): F North Sea-Norway; F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea-Norway; A Yor-Lon.

FRANCE (Meschel): F Eng S GERMAN F Den-North Sea; A Pic-Bel; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (Birsan): F Den-North Sea; A Kie-Den; A Ruh-Hol.

ITALY (Comber): A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun; A Ven holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenberg): A Gal S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Norway; A Ukr-Rum; F Bla S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Berman): F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con; A Bul-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Bro, Mar, Par, Spa. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

GERMANY: Bor, Don, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

"Winter 1901" builds are:

ENGLAND: Builds F Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Vie, A Bud.

FRANCE: Builds F Mar, F Bre.

RUSSIA: Builds A War, A Sev.

GERMANY: Builds F Kie, A Mun.

TURKEY: Builds F Smy.

ITALY: Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 28 DECEMBER 1970.

LONDON: The Prime Minister today in an address before Parliament stated "The French fleet should stop 'investigating rumors of leaking tankers' lest the English army starts investigating faults in the architecture of Notre Dame."

1970W - PRESS RELEASES

ROME: Prices fell sharply in the Italian Stock Exchange on news of Russian neutrality. Italian officials freely admitted that the public announcement was their first notification of Russia's disavowal of the Treaty of Alliance. Some officials were openly bitter, claiming that it was only Italian friendship and diplomatic pressure that assured Russian survival when that country was almost overrun. One official, who declined to be identified, noted that in three years the two powers had gone from alliance to war, back to alliance, and now to neutrality. The Defense Ministry had let it be known that all troops on the frontier were to be withdrawn under the terms of a disavowed treaty; it is now felt likely that Italy will retain a strong reactive force in the Balkans to prevent a repetition of the 1903 attack into Budapest. The Russian neutrality will almost certainly result in one additional year required to subdue Turkey and consolidate the Eastern boundaries of the Empire.

SAINT PETERSBURG: War is declared on France for their wise remarks in last issue's press.

1970J - PRESS RELEASE

LIVERPOOL (11 Dec. 1907): King Richard the Triumphant left today for some reconnaissance in France and Italy. Before sailing on the Royal Yacht, the mightsonal appointed as regent his brother, Prince John, with the hope that any similarity to monarch English history is purely coincidental. He bade his brother keep the Holy-Cy to past the other Christian powers and press the crusade to destroy the Alliance with Turks. "By the time I return, I expect Prince John and our ally, the Gormans and heathen many to her knees and reduced Turkey to the second-rate power she really is," stated the confident English ruler.

1970J

"Fall 1907"

FRENCH ENTER MUNICH WITH NO OPPOSITION

ENGLAND (Boshara, vice Richard Miller): F North Sea S FRENCH A Bel-Hol;
F Lon S F North Sea; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE (Locke): F Eng S ENGLISH F North Sea; F Mid-North Atlantic; F Spa
 (s.c.)-Mid; A Bel S ENGLISH A Hol; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (Berman): No moves received. A St.P, F Norway, F Ska, A Den, F
 Hol, A Kie, & A Ber hold. A Mun dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Comber): A Alb-Ser; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S A Vie-Bud; A Tyr S FRENCH
A Ruh-Mun; F Ion holds; F Adr S F Ion.

RUSSIA (Grayson): A Ukr-Sev; A Mos S A Ukr-Sev.

TURKEY (Aita): F Sev holds; A Arm S F Sev; A Bud S A Ser; A Rum S A Bud;
A Ser S A Bud; A Gre S A Ser; A Bul S A Gre; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F
 Eas-Ion.

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ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie.

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par,
 Por, Spa. (7)

(6)

RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Nor,
 St.P, Swe. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser,
 Sev, Smy, Rum. (9)

France may build one new unit. THIS BUILD IS TO BE SENT TO THE
 GAMESMASTER BY IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL; he will inform the other play-
 ers. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 2 JANUARY
 1971.

Since Don Berman missed a move as Germany, the first stand-by, Brian
 Burley, is asked to send in "Spring 1908" moves for that country.

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1971. The first stand-by, Brian Burley, is asked to submit stand-by moves
 for Turkey, and also for Austria-Hungary, so that at least one country
 will be covered.

MOSCOW: The Czar recently observed that "although the Swedes can be
 very companionable, the warmer climates near the Black Sea would provide
 a leisurely vacation. Lotsa friendly people, too."

PARIS: "I'ze gonna be coronated!" rang the delighted voice of King
 Leroy the Boy. A Christmas coronation for Leroy will be held in Paris,
 and will be conducted by the world's number one Christian, Pope Desperat-
 us himself.

Preparing for the grand occasion Leroy now spends much of his time
 thinking up wise-ass remarks about mustaches. Leroy is also growing a Van
 Dyke, and rumor has it that he has purchased the world's most outrageous
 pimp suit.

Thinking ahead to the coronation Leroy mused, "All the time I be out
 there I be stylin' the 'ho's. Yeah! I be walkin' cool and talkin' shit
 with the Pope. Wild thing! Everybody there is gonna know I be a bad dude
 'cause they be diggin' my natural and my rags and my style.

PARIS: What are mustaches good for, anyway?

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Duane Leinhos reporst that until 6 January he will be at 410 East
 High Street, Painted Post, N. Y. 14870.

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"I have often told you that two fleets of equal force cannot produce
 decisive events; the commander-in-chief of one of them bitches it." -
 Admiral the Earl St. Vincent

THE VICAR OF BRAY

For almost 300 years the Vicar of Bray has been the type of a man who changes his opinions with the wind, to agree with whatever doctrines are currently in favor with those in a position to do him good. Yet so much a dead letter are those controversies, that the references in this song are now passé.

The Vicar, in explaining his conduct, refers to English monarchs from Charles II, who died in 1685, to George I, who came to the throne in 1714. We may then presume that he came to his post sometime around 1680, when the doctrine of non-resistance was being taught in the universities which trained the clergy of the Church of England. This doctrine taught that under no circumstances whatsoever could a Christian resist any act of his king. The appeal was to Romans xiii, 1-5, with a reference to the fact that the ruler there cited was none less than Nero.

But let the old rascal speak for himself:

In good King Charles' golden days,
When loyalty no harm meant,
A zealous High Churchman I was
And so I gained preferment;
To teach my flock I never missed:
Kings are by God appointed,
And damned are those who dare resist,
Or touch the Lord's anointed.

CHORUS: And this is law, I will maintain,
Until my dying day, Sir,
That whatsoever king shall reign,
I'll be the Vicar of Bray, Sir!

When Royal James possessed the crown,
And popery came in fashion,
The Penal Laws I hooted down,
And read the Declaration.
The Church of Rome I found did fit,
Full well my constitution
And I had been a Jesuit,
But for the Revolution.

CHORUS

When William was our king declared
To heal the nation's grievance,
With this new wind about I steered,
And swore to him Allegiance:
Old principles I did revoke,
Set conscience at a distance,
Passive obedience was a joke,
A jest was non-resistance.

CHORUS

When gracious Anne became our Queen,
The Church of England's glory.
Another face of things was seen -
And I became a Tory;
Occasional Conformists base,
I scorned their moderation,
And though the Church in danger was
From such prevarication.

CHORUS

Under Charles II the "High", or more ritualistic, pastors were favored with the more desirable pulpits and bishoprics: "Preferment". Charles himself was indifferent to religion, but felt this view was most likely to keep down anti-monarchical views in politics. On his deathbed he summoned a Catholic priest.

Charles was succeeded by his brother James II, a Roman Catholic. Though James pledged to respect the established church, he began to appoint Catholics to positions from which they were banned by Penal Laws. Without consulting Parliament, James promulgated a Declaration ending the legal disabilities of Catholics, and commanded that it be read in all churches. Only a few clerics obeyed this order, which was followed in a few weeks by a Revolution which threw out James and enthroned his son-in-law and nephew William III.

The Vicar puns here on his own and England's "constitution", and on the "Protestant wind" which blew William and his forces over from Holland.

In 1702 William was succeeded by James' daughter Anne, an Anglican by religion who inclined to the Tory party. By the end of her reign the High Churchmen were back in power. This group was particularly upset about "occasional conform-

When George in pudding time came o'er
 And moderate men looked big, Sir,
 My principles I changed once more,
 And so became a Whig, Sir,
 And thus preferment I procured
 From our new faith's defender,
 And almost every day abjured
 The Pope and the Pretender.

CHORUS

The illustrious House of Hanover
 And Protestant succession,
 To these I do allegiance swear,
 While they can keep possession.
 For in my faith and loyalty
 I never more will falter
 And George my lawful king shall be
 Until the times do alter.

CHORUS

For further information the reader is referred to History of England from the Accession of James II by Thomas Babington Macaulay, and to England Under Queen Anne by his grandnephew, George Macaulay Trevelyan.

THINGS TO BELIEVE BEFORE BREAKFAST

Incredible as it may sound, there are still people who believe one or more of the following things:

1. Until Columbus proved otherwise, most people believed that the earth was flat.
2. Persons alleged to be witches were burned in Salem, Massachusetts.
3. There was some time and place in the past when people lived healthier, happier, and fuller lives than they do today.
4. A Sinister International Conspiracy of Catholics, Jews, Communists, Masons, or the CIA is out to take over the world.
5. There are recorded and authentic cases of dead men having come back to life.
6. Once, to demonstrate his absolute power, King Knut II of Denmark (Canute of England) ordered the waves to turn back.
7. The poems of Ossian are genuine.
8. Report from Iron Mountain is a hoax.
9. Where they differ on matters of geography or history, Josephus is to be trusted rather than Herodotus or Strabo.
10. If John F. Kennedy had not been assassinated, American policy in Vietnam would have followed a substantially different course.

O, QUEL CUL T'AS!

"Nous avons édifié en plein air une scène théâtrale sous les arbres et nous donnons là des ballets ainsi que des pièces inédites qui attirent une foule énorme et sont faites selon nos doctrines.

"...Conformes à la vie elle-même, à sa réalité comme à sa beauté. ...Quand, au milieu d'un duo 'amour, la chanteuse crie: 'O Voluptés! Extase! Ivresse!' elle est nue, selon la logique des choses, car le contraire sera inepte." - Pierre Louys, Les Aventures du Roi Pausole, 1901

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"She was stout and fiftyish. Although Park did not think that a skirt that cleared her knees by six inches became her, that was what was being worn." - L. Sprague de Camp, The Wheels of If, 1940

THE CHRISTMAS GAMESMAN

In its Christmas advertisements this year, Gimbels has been eagerly pushing adult board games, including some designed to capitalize on current concerns and fads. For ten dollars each you can buy "Smog - the new game of environmental awareness" and "Dirty Water - another fun-with-ecology game". Both games are marketed by Urban Systems, and I am credibly informed that both tend to break down into a situation which kills all the players.

This is nothing new in games of a didactic character - old-time GRAUSTARK readers will recall Nuclear War, which frequently wound up the same way. Whether an "all-fall-down" ending harms the game, as a game, depends on the character of the individual game. It doesn't seem to harm Nuclear War to any extent; after all, Nuclear War is a short, simple game, and one can simply begin another. But it is a serious failing of Dynasty, and apparently also of these games.

Mancala is on the market in several disguises this year. 3M, the Scotch tape combine which emerged in the board game field a few years ago, calls their version Oh Wah Roo and claims that it goes back to ancient Egypt. Kalah is another manufacturer's version of the same thing. Ho Jao, a Mancala variant played in the now-defunct Caricature Coffee House of Greenwich Village, seems as yet undiscovered by board game manufacturers. The origin of the game, which is played on a 3x3 board with Go stones, remains obscure; I have never heard of it except among Caricature habitués.

Since Mancala is apparently of African origin, some of the advertising for its modern offspring is aimed at the "soul" market. If American Indians ever take up this aspect of cultural nationalism, watch for a big revival of Lacrosse.

Ritar, Inc. is manufacturing a music box on which puppet figures of President Nixon and Vice President Agnew dance to the tune of "The Stars and Stripes Forever" or "Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay". These are only the latest in a merchandising development which has seen Spiro Agnew wristwatches, Spiro Agnew T-shirts, Spiro Agnew mouthwash (for people who get their feet caught there), Spiro Agnew handkerchiefs and crying towels, Spiro Agnew doormats, and Spiro Agnew toilet paper. Archaeologists of the future will probably conclude that Spiro Agnew was a minor American deity comparable to the Bos of ancient Egypt or the Greek Kallikandjari.

Space toys are following the G. I. Joe doll into a decline, but for different reasons. War toys vanished from the market 2 or 3 years ago, in response to general buyer apathy and a few open demonstrations against them. Mattel managed to save G. I. Joe by redesigning the soldier dolls as astronauts, deep-sea divers, jungle hunters, Arctic explorers - as anything but military men. But space is out "because space toys are uncool as far as kids are concerned, while cars and fashions they see all the time and they understand." (Henry Oppenheimer, president of Topper Corp., New York Times, 13 December 1970)

Despite the recession, toy manufacturers are optimistic. Sale levels in 1970 were above those of 1969, and the major manufacturers are cautiously hopeful about next year.

Not mentioned in the Times article is Around The World In Bed, as advertised in the Los Angeles Free Press of 23 October. (\$6.45 from Diplomat Games, P. O. Box 46234, Los Angeles, Calif. 90046) Several sexual positions are labeled "Irish", "Polish", "French", "Greek", etc. (The "Irish" one presumably explains that country's low birth rate!) According to the advertisement, this game "proves Newton's theory 'What goes up must come down'".

However, to judge from the currency that the words "game plan" has among Nixon administration officials, game theory is still common in high governmental circles. Terry Kuch sends a brochure about "The World Game for Government Executives", for two seminars on this topic on 14-18 December 1970 and 1-5 March 1971. Designed for GS-13's and above, this seminar is a brainchild of Buckminster Fuller, and has been squeezed into our financially tight government under a Department of Agriculture program. True to the Fuller tradition, which has never made a virtue of modesty, "The World Game is a tool for achieving total physical success for all humanity." It discards Malthusian theory, and "compounds Darwin's survival of the fittest, to assume that only the side with the greatest arms can survive." (These words of Fuller will come as quite a surprise to certain

Now Leftists and Ecofroaks, who soon inclined to make a Culture Hero out of him.)

One of this year's non-fiction best-sellers was Miles Copeland's The Game of Nations, which looked at American foreign policy from a pop game-theory viewpoint. Copeland was particularly concerned with the Middle East, a concern reflected in the book's dust jacket, which showed chessmen dressed up in US and UAR colors glowering at each other.

Copeland has excellent credentials for such a book. He was in CIA's predecessor, OSS, and was one of the "Charter Members" of the present agency. A long interview with him in the Los Angeles Free Press of 6 November 1970 goes further into his ideas. It seems that President Thieu in Saigon was an attempt to erect a "Nasser on our side" - a point of view which makes the totally unjustified assumption that Nasser was on anyone's side except his own. For precedents to Nasser we must look back to undemocratic societies that produced revolutions and then found that the army was needed not only to safeguard the revolution but also because an able man from the lower class could work his way up in the army better than in any other part of society - precedents, in short, such as Oliver Cromwell, Napoleon Buonaparte, Dragutin Dimitriovich, and Kemal Atatürk.

Game theory seems to have been brought into the CIA's operations by contagion from General Eisenhower. During World War II he established a "Game Room" in which US generals were each assigned counterparts from the German General Staff, told to study them in great detail, and then to hold staff conferences to see what decisions the Germans were coming up with. (Rand Corporation is now doing similar studies with the leaders of the USSR and China.) Dulles brought this from the army to the CIA.

In addition to linking up emigre groups all over the world, it seems that the CIA is now playing with the theory of the coup d'etat, along the lines of Litvak's book of that title reviewed in GRAUSTARK #200. Copeland talks of "gaming" a coup just as one "games" a war. We may, in the near future, find out more than we want to know about this aspect of the CIA's game theories.

NEW POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAMES

The first of the two new games announced in the last issue has been filled. The players are:

ENGLAND: Michael Aita, 104 Herman Ave., North Babylon, N. Y. 11703

FRANCE: Robert A. Miller Jr., 232 S. 20th St., Beatrice, Nebr. 68310

GERMANY: Ron Salcedo, 78 Charles St., New Rochelle, N. Y. 10801; 914-NE 3-7235

ITALY: Jerry Model, 3327 Holmes Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55408; 612-825-2731

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: George Grayson, 621D 13th St. Terrace, Leavenworth, Kans. 66048; 913-682-1703

RUSSIA: Walter Buchanan, R. R. 3, Lebanon, Ind. 46052

TURKEY: Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, Mich. 49464

The second new game is still open; entry fees are \$5 per person. See GRAUSTARK #226 for details.

Rod Walker, Diplomacy gamesmaster* and publisher since 1966, and Diplomacy Editor of Strategy & Tactics, announces the opening of several new games. A game of regular Diplomacy (L-3) is open in Lilliput and a game of regular 5-man Diplomacy (Germany & Italy in civil disorder) is open in Blefuscu. The fee for either game is \$4, with a \$1 discount for regular members of the IFW or the NFFF Games Bureau. Countries are assigned by choice: include a list of the Great Powers in order of your preference with game fee. Also, a new section of the popular Youngstown Variant is open in Utopia. This game features a redrawn board which extends across all Eurasia and includes China, Japan, and India as new Great Powers. The game fee is \$4, which includes the board and rules for the game. Game fees are payable in advance to Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"New York, N. Y. The President of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association threatened to call a general police strike unless all riot police were immediately disarmed. 'Armed police have a tough time getting laid at demonstrations,' he explained. 'It's bad for morale.'" - Norman Spinrad, "The Entropic Gang Bang Caper"

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"Marijuana is the opium of the people." - Karl Remarx

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In case you were wondering where the Gamesmaster gets that notepaper with the cock-eyed captions ("Bavarian Illuminati", "Radio Free Bronx"), it's from "Our People's Underworld, P. O. Box 836, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206"

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The Gamesmaster, as should be obvious to regular readers, is interested in the polemic use of quotations. The use of phony quotations has, until recently, been confined almost entirely to right-wingers. Boller's 1967 book Quotationsmanship devotes a chapter to forged quotations; with one exception, all the examples he cites are from tracts purporting to prove that a sinister conspiracy of Jews, Catholics, or Communists is out to take over the world. More recently, a notorious "law and order" quote allegedly by Adolf Hitler has shown up frequently in liberal and New Left propaganda. (The Old Left, particularly the New York Daily World, has already exposed this fraud.)

A forthcoming book by Morris Kaminsky, The Hoaxers, goes into greater details in the business of fraudulent quotations. A review will appear in a future GRAUSTARK.

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For almost 15 years the Buckley family magazine, National Review, has tried to pass itself off as a "respectable" Conservative publication. Its pretensions to this status have been seriously damaged by an article by the Rev. Harold O. J. Brown in the issue of 25 August 1970. Rev. Brown takes it upon himself to defend the notoriously anti-Jewish "Oberammergau Passion Play", which every tenth summer takes it upon itself to give millions of tourists a badly biased view of the life and death of Jesus. Jewish organizations have been protesting the Oberammergau play for years with no visible effect.

Soon it may not be necessary for Americans to go to Europe for this sort of thing. The veteran anti-Semite Gerald L. K. Smith is planning such a play for his shrine now under construction in Arkansas.

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"No one can accuse me of having brought up Spiro Agnew or Richard Nixon." - Dr. Benjamin Spock, American Academy of Pediatrics, 18 October 1970

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In addition to the Massachusetts and San Francisco referenda for withdrawal from Vietnam, reported in GRAUSTARK #226, Detroit also wants out. A resolution calling for immediate U. S. withdrawal from Vietnam was passed with 62.5% of over 3 million votes cast. Since the blue-collar white workers who make up the biggest group of Detroit voters are precisely the "silent majority" Nixon and Agnew are counting on for support of their war policies, this vote repudiates solidly the distorted view of American that is held from the White House and the luxury resorts of Palm Beach and Santa Cruz.

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Ervin J. Gaines director of Minneapolis public libraries under "lawnorder" Mayor Charles Steinvig, has ordered that no "underground" newspapers be made available to juveniles. Furthermore, he orders that "Should any staff member...have any reason to believe that a patron may be misusing his privileges in order to pass underground newspapers to juveniles, please try to get his name and address and report the facts to my office at once." (New York Daily World, 4 November 1970)

Among the newspapers proscribed by Gaines are the Village Voice, Rolling Stone, Guardian, East Village Other, Los Angeles Free Press, Muhammad Speaks, and a newsletter of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. Oddly enough, the breakaway "Liberalized Guardian", published by an anarchist commune that seized the Guardian offices, and Rat, the victim of a similar takeover by Women's Lib, are not on the list. This tends to lend support to the accusations that these take-overs are engineered by provo-

cateur groups drawing financial support from some governmental agencies. As anyone who knows the history of the Russian revolution is aware, such alliances between anarchists and the police are by no means unprecedented in the common cause against serious revolutionaries or reformers.

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The Acheson-Dulles network of military alliances, wide as it is, does not include the hillbilly "Empire" of Ethiopia, whose monarch proudly traces his lineage back 3000 years to a bastard borne to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba. However, in his last year of office President Eisenhower remedied this apparent oversight by pledging to oppose any threat to the territorial integrity of Ethiopia.

Then why hasn't Ethiopia been included in those world maps that appear from time to time in newspapers and magazines, showing the world-wide system of American military alliances? The answer, as it appears in the New York Times of 26 October 1970, is that the treaty with Ethiopia was made in secret. The President and his administration, and the three succeeding presidents, did not feel it necessary to take Congress into their confidence on this matter.

A similar commitment, also unknown to Congress until Senator Fulbright dug it out last fall, pledges us to help shore up Spain. We may be called on to honor this "obligation" too, once Franco is no longer on the scene.

It might be asked what else is in the State Department archives that may yet come out. Will a tribe of mermen surface in the Potomac and ask for a dozen nuclear submarines for a campaign in the Sargasso Sea, because of a "commitment" which some President made while skin-diving?

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"The Act of Habeas Corpus...had only passed the Upper Chamber because the tellers in jest had counted a fat Lord as ten, and had failed to rectify their figures." It was the best joke ever made in England. Individual liberty would have been at an end during the ten years of violence that followed, if persons obnoxious to the Government had not possessed the new machinery for availing themselves of the Englishman's old right of a speedy trial or release. The fat Lord's vote secured that even James II could not imprison his subjects at pleasure." -- George Macaulay Trevelyan, England Under the Stuarts

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Soldiers in combat zones are granted certain tax benefits by the government. On 10 November 1970 the Treasury Department extended these benefits to soldiers in Laos and Cambodia, and under some conditions to Okinawa and Thailand as well. (New York Times, 11 November 1970) Very interesting.

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"Having attended a white, segregated school in the rural South...I see one aspect of the present busing controversy that is of special interest.

"I recall vividly an old rickety bus stopping each morning and returning at dusk, to pick up and deliver two small black children who lived on the fringe of our neighborhood. The bus...was filled with Negro children destined for a black school distant as far as thirty miles from home.

"Such busing formed a common pattern throughout the South prior to 1954 and few complaints were heard about the sanctity of the neighborhood school system now supported with almost religious fervor...It is made to appear far more wrong to bus a white child even a short distance to effect integration than it was to bus a black child much greater distances to preserve segregation." -- Alvin B. Lebar, letter, New York Times, 20 October 1970

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"It will be a while, I suppose, before we discover what movies Richard Nixon saw last week, but it looks a lot like a combination of 'The Dirty Dozen' and 'Commandos Strike at Dawn'. The great rescue raid 23 miles west of Hanoi is in the splendid tradition of the Cambodian invasion, and we have all learned that that glorious page in American history owed its inspiration to Nixon seeing 'Patton'...The suspicion is beginning to grow that Nixon doesn't want to leave Indochina until he obtains the goal he is after. Not a military victory. Not 'peace with honor'. Not justice. All he seems really to want is an Academy Award." - Pete Hamill, New York Post, 24 November 1970

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The Augustan Society may be interested in a proposal put forward by Russell Baker in his New York Times column of 24 November 1970. He suggests that a House of Lords be established in our political system, so that defeated politicians and persons prominent in non-political walks of life can be put somewhere at once glamorous and inconsequential. It could also be used to pension off those elderly committee chairmen whom the seniority system has encrusted at the heads of moribund congressional committees. Persons suggested for membership include George Bush, William Cranor, Clark MacGregor, Groucho Marx, Joe Louis, Casey Stengel, and, when he reaches the age of 50, Bob Dylan.

However, Baker considers that our republican traditions will not make a House of Lords possible. "No matter that Richard Nixon could match George III in devotion to the status quo, or that the American public is preponderantly Tory on the question of troops firing on the populace. Tradition weighs for something still." As a viable alternative he suggests a permanent blue ribbon Presidential Commission, with "only slightly less ((office space)) than the Defense Department" and for members "a small chamber in which they can make speeches to unoccupied chairs". This would have the added advantage that "the President would be under even less obligation to read the work of his commissioners."

"This work would surely add a new dimension to government," Baker concludes. "A subcommittee composed of Joe Louis, Eric Hoffer, Casey Stengel and Leopold Stokowski would surely bring in an interesting report on one of the great problems of our times like, say, pornography. Or anything else."

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In a letter to GRAUSTARK #223, Derek Nelson complained that Paul Fromm, a member of the conservative Edmund Burke Society, had been attacked and injured by William Kunstler during a Kunstler speech in Toronto which the EBS had tried to break up by heckling. When invited to the platform to speak his piece, Fromm upset water on Kunstler's notes. Kunstler responded by pouring the rest of the water over Fromm's head. According to Nelson, "Fromm was hit by the pitcher, resulting in bruises to the left side of his face, lacerations inside his mouth, and...teeth driven through his lip and finally that he was rendered unconscious."

Not so, said a Canadian court upon recommendation of the prosecutor who was pressing assault charges against Kunstler. Two witnesses, including a member of Parliament, testified that Kunstler had not struck or tried to strike anyone. (New York Times, 2 December 1970)

Nelson's apology for calling me a liar on this matter is awaited but not expected.

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According to the New York Post of 9 November 1970, 3000 frogs of four different species recently fought a six-hour battle in Malaysia. ("At first, only about 50 frogs were involved but soon the numbers swelled...many were dead at the end of the battle.") According to Malay superstition, frog wars precede major national disaster.

But, for those who know US foreign policy, only one question remains - on which side will the president "commit" us in this war? What arguments will be used to persuade us that the entire history of the human race depends upon the conscription of half a million American horned toads to ensure "freedom" in Malaysia?

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William C. Sullivan, assistant FBI director said (N. Y. Times, 13 Dec. 1970) that the Communist Party "is not in any way causing...the unrest...in the racial field and in the academic community." Does he want to give the whole game away?

THE CIVIL WAR COMPUTER

On 24 November 1970 the graduate center of the City University of New York held an open house, at which many of its facilities were demonstrated. Chief among these was a computer which had had several game programs fed into it, against which visitors could play.

One of these was a program for the 'Slaveholders' Rebellion of 1861-65. Upon selecting this game, the player was informed of his possible strategies and given the situation at the beginning of the battle. All players were given the rebel side to play, as a challenge to reverse the facts of history.

The game consisted of 14 battles: First Bull Run, Shiloh, the Seven Days campaign before Richmond, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Murfreesboro, Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Spotsylvania, and Atlanta. Before the battle, the player is told the numbers of his men and the government's, how much money each has at disposal, and the "inflation factor" - which varies from 8% to 14% for the government, and 21% to 27% for the rebels. The player is then asked how much he wants to spend for food, how much for salaries, and how much for ammunition. After he has partitioned his available resources, the computer gives him his men's state of morale and tells him whether he is on the offensive or the defensive. (The historical facts are followed on this last point.) The rebel strategy is then given by punching a number, as follows:

Offensive	Defensive
1. artillery attack	1. artillery attack
2. frontal attack	2. fortification against frontal attack
3. flanking maneuvers	3. fortification against flanking maneuvers
4. encirclement	4. falling back

After getting these orders, the computer gives casualties and desertions for both sides, and indicates how casualties compared with those actually suffered by the rebels in the historical battle. The player then learns whether he won or lost.

Needless to say, some help is provided by a knowledge of the historical outcome. The rebels, outnumbered in every battle, would be foolish to try encirclement, and flanking attacks would generally be more productive than frontal ones. Rebel artillery was notoriously less effective than "the cannon built and manned by a race of mechanics". (Fletcher Pratt, Ordeal by Fire)

Against the machine I won both battles of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, losing the others and the war. Needless to say, some demurrals may be entered here. If McClellan had won the battle of Seven Days, taking Richmond, the rebels certainly would be badly set back, and might even have lost the war two years earlier.

Upon replaying the game, the proper rebel strategy becomes more apparent. A frontal attack, for example, fails at Shiloh, while a flank attack wins. (Presumably this hit the government flank which was not anchored by the river gunboats, and rolled up the line.) Flank and artillery attacks prove equally effective at Antietam. I awaited a frontal attack at Murfreesboro (the only battle of which I had never heard) and got pasted with 25% greater casualties, probably because I underbought ammunition. At Vicksburg I suffered my principal set-back, probably because I ordered "2" instead of pasting those concentrations of government troops with artillery. Casualties were 209% higher than actual casualties.

At Gettysburg one can improve on the original rebel tactics, which were about as bad as could possibly be imagined. In unfriendly terrain, with an inferior number of men and far inferior artillery, Lee took the longer battle line and charged uphill into the government's cannon. Instead I ordered a flanking attack, having spent \$160,000 out of \$364,800 on ammunition. I won, with casualties 13% below their historical value.

Of course, lowered casualties do not necessarily mean that you win. Mine were 6% less at Chattanooga and 8% less at Atlanta, but they remained, as they were historically, government victories. But with the government mustering about 75% more men than the rebels at each battle, little else could be expected. I am informed that the computer usually preserves the war's actual outcome.

In addition, the computer can meet you in blackjack, football, horse racing, tic-tac-toe, craps, and matching pennies.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Debra Jean Sweet...said to the President: 'I find it hard to believe in your sincerity...until you get us out of Vietnam.'"

"Nixon replied, 'We're doing the best we can.'" - New York Post, 3 December 1970, p. 1.

"Draft director Curtis W. Tarr is considering asking Congress...to lower the minimum draft age from 17 to 18." - New York Post, 3 December 1970, p. 5

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Complete returns are now available on the Massachusetts referendum on the Vietnam war, reported in the last issue. According to the New York Post of 2 December, 822,955 (51.1%) want a planned withdrawal, 517,550 (32.2%) want immediate withdrawal, and 268,025 (16.7%) are for "victory", whatever that means. Since the most precipitous withdrawal would have to have its logistics planned out, the first two alternatives are effectively identical.

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Bill Linden was the only reader to respond to the quiz about famous last people in #224. (See #226 for the correct answers.) He got 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9 right. Reference for most of the answers is Wise & Egan, Kings, Rulers, and Statesmen (Bantam, \$1.25), an interesting and useful book but one in which I have found a few inaccuracies.

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The editor heartily applauds the actions of Yukio Mishima, the Japanese author who committed suicide on 25 November in protest against what he regarded as his country's insufficiently warlike policies. It is to be devoutly hoped that those Americans who believe as Mishima believed, will do as Mishima did.

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GRAUSTARK wishes all its readers a happy holiday season, no matter what (if any) holiday they happen to be observing at this time of year. Under present circumstances a peaceful and prosperous new year seems a little too much to hope for, but we'll see what we can do towards this goal in 1972.

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Recently various anonymous government officials reported that three priests and two nuns are part of a plot to kidnap presidential adviser Henry Kissinger. Apparently Francis Walsingham and Titus Oates are alive and well in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Away in a shelter,
cement for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus
lay down his sweet head.
The bombers above him
looked down where he lay,
And he never knew when
they said, "Bombs away!"
- Rev. Charles Noble

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